

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

May 24, Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

6:45 AM + Michael Zurilla, Ann. (Family)
12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Pinky Newberry)

May 25, Tuesday: Saint Bede the Venerable, and Saint Gregory VII, Pope

6:45 AM + John Capouellez Birthday (Family)
12:00 PM + John Adams (Knights of Columbus)

May 26, Wednesday: Saint Phillip Neri, Priest

6:45 AM + For All Priests (Anonymous)
12:00 PM + Gina Laird (Patty & Joe Pufka)

May 27, Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

6:45 AM + John Gority (John Milliron)
12:00 PM + Charles Yanchik, Ann. (Wife & Children)

May 28, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Martha Maurer (Larry & Lori Wills)
12:00 PM Members of BGHS Class "76" (Kirk Dodson)

May 29, Saturday: Saint Paul VI, Pope

8:00 AM + Sam Brezler Special Intention, (Frank, Elaine and Anne Dombrowski)

10:00 AM Ordination to the Priesthood

12:00PM NO NOON MASS

Vigil: **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

5:00 PM + Beverly Woodring, Ann. (Tom Byrne)

May 30, Sunday

8:00 AM + Linda Ruggery George (M/M Randy Clemens)
10:00 AM + Eleanor Fischer (Eleanor Ann Plutko)
12:00 PM + Nick Hockenberry Birth., (Family)
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Please remember our sick in your prayers.

Noon Day Mass Schedule

Due to Ordinations, there will be not be a Mass at noon on Saturdays, May 29th and June 5th.

Facebook

Our parish has created an official Facebook page and the address is <https://www.facebook.com/cathedralofaltoona> The link is found at the top of our parish's webpage. Our official page will gradually become a convenient way to keep people informed and post notices. (Please do not use the link at the bottom on the page.)

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-2

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 30, 2021 with a televised Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office at 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. Deadline to register is May 24, 2021. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office.

MAY DAYS

May Days at the Basilica of St. Michael - May 29th and May 30th at Our Lady of Loretto Hall- Live entertainment, Cinch Tournament (Call Mag 814-674-2631) basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food, and beverages. Ssturday, 4pm-8pm. Proceeds from the weekend festival benefit Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. Please see our website www.basilicam-loretto.org for more information.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, May 16, \$9,185.00

First Reconciliation/First Communion

Registration forms and copies of Baptim certificates are due by June 1st for those who will be receiving 1st Reconciliation/First Communion 2021-2022.

Religious Education

Registration forms for grades PK / 11 have been emailed to all families. Please return these as soon as possible so that textbooks can be ordered. All classes will return in person on September 12th.

If you did not receive a form please notify Chris Laraia (814-312-7317) or stop by the Parish Office, 13th Avenue entrance Mon-Fri 9-5 for a copy.

Confirmation Preparation

All students entering grades 9,10,11 in the Fall 2021 are required to attend an information meeting with your parents on Tuesday, August 3rd at 6:30PM. in the Cathedral church hall. This includes all students from both public and parochial schools and home schooled students.

A copy of your Baptism and 1st Eucharist certificates will be needed.

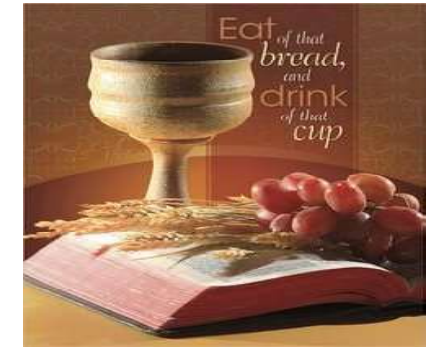
Please call or email Chris Laraia, DRE for more information at (814-312-7317 or email claraia@dioceseaj.org).

Basket Bingo Update

We expect to have our Basket Bingo on Sunday, September 26. Now we are looking for donations of gift cards, lottery tickets, gift baskets, and monetary contributions. Small bottles of water and cans of soda would also be appreciated.

Precious Life, Inc.

Precious Life, is a faith-based pro-life organization which offers practical help to those impacted by unplanned pregnancies. The Altoona office is located at 1716-12th Avenue. Their Baby Bottle Campaign, which runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day, helps to support pro-life services. All 200 Baby Bottles that were made available at the Cathedral parish have been taken home and will hopefully be returned filled with change, cash, or a check.



FIRST Communion

The following child made her First Holy Communion the weekend of May 15th.

Dontavia Summerville

Drive-By Fish Fry Dinner

The Cathedral Social Committee is sponsoring a fish dinner, Friday, June 4th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM the menu is: Beer Battered Fried Fish, Maccaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll and Dessert, the Cost is \$10.00. Tickets are available after all Masses. Tickets will also be available at the Cathedral Parish Office during regular hours 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Outdoor Summer Masses to Return

The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 30, 2021. Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend, September 2, 2021. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. The historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be opened on the following Sunday afternoons from 3:00-6:00 PM for self-guided tours and visits: June 6 and 20; July 18 and August 1, 15, and 29.

Did you know...

Ground for the present Cathedral was broken on September 17, 1924, and the cornerstone was laid on May 30, 1926. That date was the 25th anniversary of the erection of Diocese of Altoona. Construction came to a halt in 1929 due to the Stock Market Crash. Construction resumed and the unfinished cathedral was opened for public worship on September 7, 1931.

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Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and not to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

The Year of Saint Joseph

According to historical theologian, Fr. Joseph F. Chorpensing, "The name Joseph means 'a son that grows' and in Hebrew this refers to a beautiful tree, because beneath this tree... Mary and Joseph were protected and sheltered." Joseph is told by an angel in a dream, "Arise, and take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I tell thee, For Herod will seek the child and destroy him." (Mt 2:13) After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny and obscure village of Nazareth of Galilee.

Joseph then nurtured his foster son, Jesus, and protected him during his childhood. Because of Joseph's protection of his foster son and of Mary, we consider him to be the protector of the Catholic Church.

"O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose Saint Joseph as spouse of the holy Mother of your Son, grant, we pray, that we, who revere him as our protector on earth, may be worthy of his heavenly intercessions. Through Christ our Lord, Amen"

Chorpensing, Joseph, O.S.F.S., Just Man Husband of Mary, Guardian of Christ; An Anthology of Readings from Jeronimo Gracian's Summary of the Excellencies of St. Joseph, (1597), Phil., St. Joseph's University Oress, 1993. Pope Francis Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde, December 8, 2020, 6. 2021 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713- West Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

Helpers Needed

Help is needed to clean the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Church on Thursday, May 27th at 9:00 AM. Please bring rags and a bucket and join us with your Time and Talent and Treasure.

Catholic Men's Conference

During the year of St. Joseph, Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg, PA will host a Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, September 11, from 8:30 AM- 2:00PM.

Bas Rutten will be the headline speaker. Bas is a movie and television star, as well as a former Mixed Martial Arts Champion. In recent years he has found his way back to the Catholic Faith and speaks to different groups about his faith journey. The day will include talks by Bas Rutten, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for confession and more. All men ages 18 and older can purchase a ticket by calling Holy Name Parish office at 814-472-7244. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$20.00; lunch will be provided. We pray that St. Joseph will continue to intercede for all of us, especially men to be strong husbands, fathers, sons, deacons, priests and servants of Our Lord. If you have any questions about the above information please call Fr. Brian Warchola or myself at 814-472-7244.

THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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CHURCH OFFICE: 814-944-4603

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANointing OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon 5:30 PM	Weekday:	6:45 AM 12:00 Noon
				Saturday:	8:00 AM 12:00 Noon

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Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112
Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

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